

**MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK**

**SPECIAL SESSION  
February 14, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, convened in Special Session at 3:30 p.m., February 14, 2008, in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Andrew Kunasek, Chairman, District 3 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Present via phone: Max W. Wilson, Vice Chairman, District 4 and Fulton Brock, District 1 (entered telephonically at 3:40 p.m.). Absent: Don Stapley, District 2. Also present: Lori Pacini, Deputy Clerk of the Board and Liz Evans, Minutes Coordinator. Victoria Mangiapane, Deputy County Attorney, also attended telephonically. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-nay-absent-abstain.

**CANVASS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION**

Item: Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-642 through §16-645, approve the canvass of the Presidential Preference Election held February 5, 2008. The official canvass is on file in the Clerk of the Board's office. (C2108002700) (ADM1717)

County Recorder Helen Purcell announced that the tally for the Presidential Preference Election was completed on the evening of February 13, 2008. Ms. Purcell presented the Board with the canvass of that election and stated that once the canvass has been approved by the Board, it would be presented to the Secretary of State's office. Ms. Purcell summarized the election by saying that there were 1,114,208 eligible registered voters and 605,277 or 54.32 percent of the cast ballots. Of the 51,367 provisional ballots that were cast, 24,433 were verified and counted and 27,204 were not counted.

Supervisor Wilcox asked why ballots were not counted. Ms. Purcell said the majority were not eligible to vote in this election because of party designation, such as Independent or Libertarian, or lack of any party designation at all.

The Chairman allowed Jim March, a member of the public from Tucson, to speak on this item. Mr. March stated that he was representing the Libertarian Party and that a "security report" would be forthcoming to the Board regarding security issues that were allegedly observed during the election.

**~ Supervisor Brock joined the meeting telephonically ~**

Mr. March said that the problem is that Maricopa County has allowed "eyeball" observation of the election process but not parallel electronic observation of the computer process. He said that because the data cables are hidden in the ceiling of the central tabulation room, "politically and financially valuable" data transmissions could be monitored and intercepted. Mr. March asked the Board to consider a "cultural and perception change to the transparency of the vote process in an electronic age where human eyeball observation is no longer enough".

The Chairman then permitted John Brakey, another citizen from Tucson, to speak. Mr. Brakey said the Secretary of State of California reported that major voting systems are "fatally flawed". Mr. Brakey contended that he had been working cooperatively with Pima County officials to resolve voting issues. He said the key is "transparency, transparency, transparency".

Supervisor Wilcox commended Ms. Purcell, Karen Osborne and the Elections Department on their hard work. Chairman Kunasek expressed confidence in the voting process. Supervisor Brock commented that concerns about the election process should be more appropriately directed to the legislature.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-642 through §16-645, motion was made by Supervisor Wilcox, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and unanimously carried (4-0-1) to approve the canvass of the Presidential

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**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Lori Pacini, Deputy Clerk of the Board